

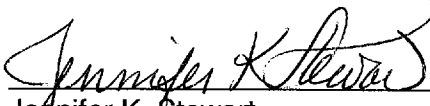
REMARKS

In the Office Action mailed 1 September 2006, the Examiner allowed claims 1 – 13 and 31 – 41, rejected claim 14 under §102(e) as anticipated by Kong (US6546043), and objected to claims 15 – 30 for being dependent on a rejected base claim. The Examiner further indicated that claims 15 – 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, Applicant amends claim 14 to include the allowable limitations of claim 15, and cancels claim 15. Applicant also amends claims 16 and 27 to correct their dependencies in light of the amendment to claim 14 and the cancellation of claim 15.

In light of the amendments, Applicant submits that claims 1 – 14 and 16 – 41 stand in condition for allowance. Should any issues remain unresolved, Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned so that any such issues may be expeditiously resolved.

Respectfully submitted,

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